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Environmental Lawyer Nancye L. Bethurem to Speak May 30th

"Environmental Law for the Non-Environmental Law Practitioner: The Fundamentals."

Noted environmental lawyer Nancye L. Bethurem will conduct a free HWL workshop covering the basics of the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, RCRA, CERCLA, and the Clean Air Act, on Friday, May 30th at 3:30 p.m. The session, to be held in the Hawaii Bar Association conference room, will be specifically structured for attorneys not practicing environmental law. The workshop will also examine some of the connections between environmental and land use law.

Ms. Bethurem, a member of HWL, is a frequent speaker at environmental litigation seminars across the country. The topic is of critical concern here, because the ecosystem of Hawai'i is particularly fragile.

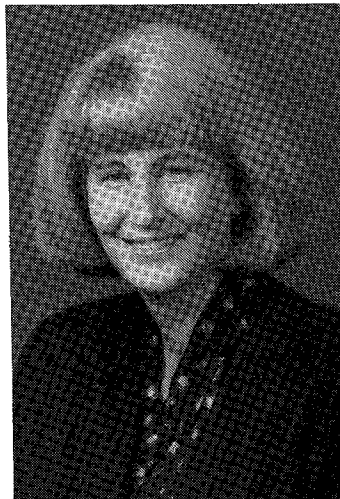
Hawai'i has species of plants and wildlife threatened at levels not seen elsewhere in the United States. Environmental issues effect our political and corporate business relations every day. Additionally, water politics are a major issue and have a tremendous impact on the islands' ecosystems as well as on future business growth, community economic development and diversified agriculture.

One need only look at the building of Oahu's H3, and the diversion of water for Maui golf courses, to see the far-reaching implications of law and politics on the environment.

Learn just enough to stay out of major trouble

"I often attend seminars on issues that have nothing to do with my day-to-day practice," says Bethurem. "I don't do it to become an expert in every area of the law. I do it to learn just enough to stay out of major trouble in unknown waters. That's sort of the way I have designed this workshop. We will be touching on all sorts of fundamental legal issues involving federal environmental acts. I want everyone attending this workshop to walk away with enough basic knowledge to know to stay out of major trouble."

Ms. Bethurem's first involvement with the subject was at the University of Missouri, where a class in environmental law prompted her to prepare her law review "comment" on the then new environmental "Superfund" statute.



During her 16 years of practice, she has focused on civil trial work, primarily in complex disputes. Her work has involved environmental and antitrust litigation, RICO claims, constitutional law issues and director and officer litigation. She has also provided environmental counseling and expertise in various areas of environmental practice, and has participated in Superfund settlements and numerous mediations.

On the mainland, she headed up the environmental law section of one of the largest regional law firms in the country. On her client list were several federal agencies, including the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation.

As a partner in charge of her section, she also advised corporate officers on a number of environmental issues.

Ms. Bethurem currently represents the U.S. Army in Hawai'i. She is familiar with all of the major federal environmental statutes, and the rules and regulations governing a company's activities under those statutes. Before moving to Hawaii, Nancye served as: President, Dallas Women Lawyers Association; President, Texas Women Lawyers; Regional Director, District 15 (Texas), National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL). She continues to be active in NAWL, presently serving as 1997 regional director for District 23, which covers Hawai'i and California.

You must reserve your space early.

We are fortunate to have Nancye, an attorney with national credentials, as a member of Hawai'i Women Lawyers. We look forward to a most interesting workshop.

The session will begin at 3:30 p.m., in the conference room of the HSBA offices at 1136 Union Mall, PH1, in downtown Honolulu. It will adjourn around 5:00 p.m. There is no charge for this program, which is open to all interested members of the legal community. Reservations, however, are a must, since seating space is limited. To hold your space, just call Kay Lorraine at 545-8055 or fax your request to the HWL office at 545-8636.

Mentoring Program Update

Woman to Woman: Helping Others Get Started

Are you interested in becoming a mentor? HWL's mentoring program is intended to put law students and recently licensed attorneys (1 to 3 years in practice) in touch with experienced attorneys. The objectives of this program are to provide resources for the following purposes:

- Guidance in various fields of law;
- Career development; and
- Guidance in balancing careers with personal lives.

We are currently seeking those who would be interested in being a mentor. Because we would like to provide a broad spectrum of resources and experience, we are seeking mentors who are in the private sector and at all government levels (City, State and Federal), regardless of whether you are presently practicing in Hawai'i. We anticipate that some of those individuals that you will be mentoring, will be law students on the mainland or law students in Hawai'i, as well as recently licensed attorneys with Hawai'i ties who are working on the mainland or elsewhere.

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering to be a mentor, please fill out the form below and mail or fax it to:

Marjorie Au
 Ali'i Place, 14th Floor
 1099 Alakea Street
 Honolulu, HI 96813
 539-0400 (phone) or 599-1506 (fax)
 and
 Cheryl Okuma-Sepe
 527-6664 (phone) or 677-4249 (fax)

HWL MENTOR PROGRAM

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Place of Work: _____

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Job Description: _____

Area of Practice: _____

Comments/Questions: _____

Free Kokua Brown Bag Seminar June 5th

"Changes to the Probate Code"

Kokua Brown Bag Lunch Seminars are free, and are held between 12 noon and 1 p.m. For information call Lyn at 537-1868. (Details not available at press time.)

You Can Help to Support The Voices of Women in Hawai'i

The lives of women in Hawai'i span different historical eras, ethnicities, ages, social classes, and sexual orientations. A new book scheduled for publication this fall, *Women in Hawai'i: Sites, Identities, and Voices* was recently previewed at Barnes & Noble in Kahala. This collection of articles is a special edition of *Social Process in Hawai'i (Volume 38)*, and is the first written on women in Hawai'i, produced entirely by women authors, artists, and editors, under the auspices of the Office for Women's Research, University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

The UH Foundation-Women in Hawai'i Fund is looking for donations. Your tax-deductible gift will advance the funds needed for publication of this volume. Proceeds from the sale of *Women in Hawai'i: Sites, Identities, and Voices* will support future endeavors of the Office for Women's Research. Checks should be made payable to the UH Foundation-Women in Hawai'i Fund, and sent to "Women in Hawai'i, OWR, Port 721L, University of Hawai'i, Honolulu, HI 96822. For further information call the UH Office for Women's Research at 956-7464

HSBA Young Lawyers Division Celebrates Law Week With Free Clinics

In keeping with this year's nationwide Law Week theme, "Celebrate Your Freedom," the Hawai'i State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division offered the community various free law-related opportunities throughout the week.

Volunteer attorneys offered free legal information and referrals to the public at Pearlridge Shopping Center, Windward Mall, and Daiei Kaheka. Additionally, the Ask-A-Lawyer phone lines were extended to five days during Law Week.

The Young Lawyers Division finish the week with two Elder Law Clinics, assisting Oahu's senior citizens on "how to" complete Living Wills and Power of Attorneys. The May 9th clinic will be held at the Richards Street YMCA, and the May 10th clinic will be held at the Moiliili Community Center.

Cancer Research Project In Hawai'i

Straub is helping the Pacific Health Research Institute as one of 10 sites selected nationwide for the largest U.S. cancer screening trial ever conducted. Called the PLCO (prostate, lung, colorectal and ovarian) Cancer Screening Trial, the study calls for 150,000 people to be screened nationwide, including 10,000 men and women ages 55-74 in Hawai'i.

The purpose of the PLCO trial is to determine whether early detection of these cancers save lives. If you'd like to help, please call 545-3006. More information about the cancer screening is available now on the World Wide Web at (<http://www.dpcp.nci.nih.gov/PLCO>).

Carole Richelieu to Speak on Basic Legal Ethics May 23rd

Carole Richelieu, Esq. will be presenting a workshop on May 23, 1997 at 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. entitled, "Basic Legal Ethics."

Basic Legal Ethics will delineate common problems which arise under the Hawai'i Rules of Professional Conduct and describe steps that can be taken to avoid ethical misconduct and avert ethics complaints. Topics will include communication, conflicts, diligence, fee agreements, handling of client funds, accounting to client, client files, confidentiality, conduct of nonlawyer assistants, partners, and subordinate attorneys, and termination of representation. Time permitting, this workshop will also explain the attorney discipline system in Hawai'i.

Carole R. Richelieu is Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. Since joining ODC in 1989, she has handled a multitude of ethics investigations and formal disciplinary proceedings and made numerous presentations on legal ethics. She is also Fund Administrator for the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection and serves on the Board of Examiners.

The workshop will be held at the HSBA Conference Room, at 1136 Union Mall, PH-1 in downtown Honolulu. Seating is limited so please call Lyn at 537-1868 to reserve a seat at this workshop. The workshop is free to all HSBA members and their staff.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Appointment to Panel of Chapter 7 Trustees

The Office of the United States Trustee is seeking resumes from persons wishing to be considered for appointment to the panel of trustees who administer chapter 7 bankruptcy cases of the bankruptcy code. The appointment is for cases filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Hawaii. Chapter 7 trustees receive compensation and reimbursement for expenses pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 326, in each case in which they serve.

The minimum qualifications for appointment are set forth in Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations at Part 58. To be eligible for appointment, an applicant must possess strong administrative, financial and interpersonal skills. Fiduciary experience for familiarity with the bankruptcy area is desirable but not mandatory. A successful applicant will be required to undergo a background check, and must qualify to be bonded. Although chapter 7 trustees are not federal employees, appointments are made consistent with federal Equal Opportunity policies which prohibit discrimination in employment.

Forward resumes to the Office of the United States Trustee, 1132 Bishop Street, Suite 602, Honolulu, HI 96813. All resumes will be kept confidential and should be received on or before May 15, 1997.

Annual FPD Criminal Defense Law Seminar Set for June 7th

The Office of the Federal Public Defender will hold this year's annual Criminal Defense Law Seminar from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on June 7th, at the Hawaiian Hilton Hotel. The seminar includes a buffet lunch as well as extensive written material on various subjects pertaining to the practice of criminal defense in federal court.

Among the many issues that will be discussed are:

- Daubert/Expert Witness Evidence/Polygraph Testimony/Privileges
- Informants/Pretrial Motions/Attacking Search Affidavits
- Sentencing Guidelines/Relevant Conduct/Departures/New Amendments
- New District Court Local Rules/Subpoenas/New Pretrial Procedures
- Fines and Restitution Law
- Supreme Court Update/Cases pending Certiorari

May 23rd registration deadline

The cost of the seminar has not yet been determined, as it all depends upon the number of persons anticipated to attend. In the past however, they have been able to keep the cost down to between \$45 and \$55 (including the buffet luncheon). The more who register before May 23rd, the lower the price for everyone, so please don't wait till the last minute to make your reservation. Please call Lynelle Oshita at 541-2521 for registration details.

A primary purpose of the seminar is to present an opportunity for criminal defense attorneys of all skill levels to meet, talk, learn, and commiserate if necessary. Don't miss it!

Chop Sui Generis

Sara R. Harvey has settled in at her new office at Hurd & Luria, where she continues to specialize in custody cases. Sara can be reached at 524-0325.

The Commission on the Status of Women breathed a sigh of relief when an eleventh-hour resolution disbanding the Commission was defeated in the final days of the legislative session. In the end, funding was restored to the same level as last year, with no cuts.

New Judges Confirmed

Congratulations to Rhonda I.L. Loo, who was appointed to the District Court bench, 2nd Circuit, on May 1st.

Sandra E.P. Shutte has been confirmed to the District Court bench, 3rd Circuit, and will be appointed as of June 2nd.

Rhonda Nishimura has been confirmed to the District Court bench, 1st Circuit, and will be appointed as of June 6th.

An Open Letter to Hawaii Women Lawyers

Many thanks are owing and due for the large part that Hawaii Women Lawyers played in the passage of legislation to make the Missing Child Center-Hawaii (formerly Hawaii Clearinghouse on Missing Children) a permanent program and to obtain state funding for salaries.

I hardly blinked and a full fledged rally was organized and in full swing at the state capitol. There is no doubt in my mind that the attendant publicity (the rally was aired on 3 major news stations, radio, and in the paper) was instrumental in focusing public and legislative attention on missing, abducted & exploited children's issues in Hawaii. HWL's continued support of this cause has enabled us to keep the Center alive and vital in the poorest economic climate possible.

My grateful appreciation to all of those members who faxed and spoke with their senators and representatives. We will do our utmost to justify your faith in us, by continuing to provide free services to locate, recover, and reunite Hawaii's missing children. Only by passing on the aloha that we have received from HWL and many others can we ensure that any child from, or passing through our islands, may obtain the benefits of Missing Child Center-Hawaii.

Sincerely,
Anne K. Clarkin, Coordinator
Missing Child Center-Hawaii

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May 1, 1997 - Governor Ben Cayetano with Missing Children Day Proclamation. Pictured immediately to the right of the Governor is Anne Clarkin, surrounded by Attorney General staff members and supporters.

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